D. Harbaugh

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

KANSAS,

CONVENED IN

TOPEKA, KANSAS,

NOVEMBER 25–DECEMBER 1, 1884

ALSO

A SYNOPSIS

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNODICAL W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA:
LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.
1884.

Lutheran Lesson Helps for 1885

FOR

LUTHERAN SUNDAY-SCHOOLS,

ISSUED BY

The Lutheran Publication Society,

HENRY S. BONER, Superintendent

No. 42 North Ninth Street, Philadelphia.

ADAPTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON SYSTEM, AND ISSUED IN THE MOST POPULAR FORMS.

THE LUTHERAN S. S. HERALD,

An Illustrated Monthly Paper, for everybody in the Sunday-school, edited by Rev. M. Sheeleigh, A. M. Price, **20** cents a year in advance. Sent to schools, in packages of ten or more copies, to one address, at **12** cents a copy, per year. The HERALD, which is in the twenty-fifth year of its existence, is better than ever, and is deservedly popular with Sunday-school children. No subscriptions entered for a shorter term than three months. *Subscriptions may begin at any time.*

THE AUGSBURG TEACHER,

Published Monthly to aid and assist the officers, teachers and older girls and boys of the Sunday-schools, and parents in their households, in the study and teaching of the International Sunday-school Lessons, from a strictly Lutheran stand-point. Rev. H. L. Baugher, D. D., Editor. Price, **55** cents a year, in advance; **30** cents for six months. Sent on trial for three months, to new subscribers, on receipt of **15** cents. *Subscriptions may begin at any time.*

THE AUGSBURG LESSON BOOK,

Published Quarterly to assist the Sunday-school scholars in the study of the International Sunday-school Lessons. Rev. H. L. Baugher, D. D., Editor. It contains in addition to the Text and Questions, Brief Explanatory Notes, Map, Dictionary, Music, etc. This Quarterly is indispensable to scholars in well regulated Lutheran Sunday-schools. Price, **15** cents a year, in advance; **8** cents for six months, and **4** cents for three months. *Subscriptions begin with the first of January, April, July, and October.*

THE AUGSBURG JUNIOR LESSON BOOK,

Published Quarterly, is in all respects like the AUGSBURG LESSON BOOK, except that it has the lesson questions simplified, for the use of the younger scholars in the Intermediate Departments of Sunday-schools. Just the thing for classes recently promoted from the Infant Department. Price, **15** cents a year, in advance; **8** cents for six months, and **4** cents for three months. *Subscriptions begin with the first of January, April, July, and October.*

THE AUGSBURG LESSON LEAF,

Published Weekly for older scholars, at **$7.50** a hundred, per year, in advance. Ten or more copies at the 100 rate. No subscriptions will be received for a shorter term than three months. *Subscriptions may begin at any time.*

THE AUGSBURG JUNIOR LESSON LEAF,

Published Weekly at the same price and upon the same terms as the Augsburg Lesson Leaf. The Junior Leaf, like the Junior Lesson Book, is intended for the younger scholars in the Intermediate Departments. *Subscriptions may begin at any time.*

THE LITTLE ONES,

Published Weekly for the use of the little people in the Infant Department. Beautifully illustrated, and printed from large, clear type. Each number contains a full-page illustration, lesson text with very simple questions and answers to the same, and stories, poetry, etc., adapted to those for whose use the paper is issued. Price, **20** cents a year, in advance. Sent to schools, in packages of ten or more copies, to one address, at **12** cents a copy, per year. *Subscriptions may begin at any time.*

We also receive subscriptions for the **COLORED DESIGNS** or **Blackboard Illustrations** for the use of Advanced and Intermediate Departments of Sunday-schools; and for **THE LEAF CLUSTER** for Infant Departments, at **$10.00** a year, in advance, for the former, and **$4.00** a year, in advance, for the latter. Subscriptions will be received for six months or three months at a pro rata of the yearly rate. *Samples free.*

☞ Articles intended for insertion in the Periodicals should be addressed to the editors. Orders and remittances should be addressed to

HENRY S. BONER, Superintendent,

LUTHERAN PUBLICATION HOUSE,

No. 42 North 9th St., Philadelphia.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

KANSAS,

CONVENED IN

TOPEKA, KANSAS,

NOVEMBER 25–DECEMBER 1, 1884.

ALSO

A SYNOPSIS

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNODICAL W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA:
LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.
1884.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1884-5.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT.

REV. A. J. KISSELL, Salina, Kan.

SECRETARY.

REV. M. F. TROXELL, Kansas City, Mo.

TREASURER.

J. E. TRESSLER, M. D., Peabody, Kan.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

	PRINCIPALS.	ALTERNATES.
Education—	REV. W. C. SEIDEL,	REV. S. HENRY.
Home Missions—	REV. I. J. DELO,	REV. J. B. McAFEE.
Foreign Missions—	REV. M. F. TROXELL,	REV. H. B. BELMER.
Ordination—	REV. J. M. CROMER,	REV. T. F. DORNBLASER.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

REV. I. J. DELO, REV. W. C. SEIDEL, REV. G. A. BOWERS, D. D.,
REV. H. B. BELMER, REV. D. HARBAUGH.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

REV. A. J. KISSELL, REV. G. A. BOWERS, D. D.,
REV. T. F. DORNBLASER.

TRUSTEES OF CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

REV. T. F. DORNBLASER, REV. J. M. CROMER.

TRUSTEES OF TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME.

J. E. TRESSLER, M. D., REV. H. M. LENTZ.

STATISTICIAN AND HISTORIAN.

REV. D. HARBAUGH.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

CLERICAL.	ALTERNATES.
Rev. T. F. DORNBLASER,	Rev. J. M. CROMER,
Rev. M. F. TROXELL,	Rev. A. J. KISSELL,
Rev. G. A. BOWERS, D. D.,	Rev. H. ACKER,
Rev. ANGUS LOWE,	Rev. H. B. BELMER,
Rev. W. C. SEIDEL.	Rev. D. HARBAUGH.
LAY.	ALTERNATES.
H. F. RIZER, Eureka,	E. P. BRIGGS, Kansas City,
Col. STUMBAUGH, Topeka,	J. WALTEMEYER, Atchison,
CHRISTIAN RUGH, Abilene,	A. L. SELIG, Lawrence,
G. W. HOUSEHOLDER, Kansas City,	S. BATDORF, New Cambria,
J. E. TRESSLER, M. D., Peabody.	T. S. P. BOWERS, Topeka.

OFFICERS OF CHURCH BOARDS.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. C. S. ALBERT, *President*,
216 N. Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. JACOB A. CLUTZ, *General Secretary*,
437 N. Carey Street, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. S. B. BARNITZ, *Western Secretary*,
Des Moines, Ia.

Mr. CHAS. S. WEISER, *Treasurer*,
York, Pa.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. J. G. BUTLER, D. D., *President*,
1107 Eleventh Street, Washington, D. C.

Rev. GEORGE SCHOLL, D. D., *Secretary*,
Hanover, Pa.

Mr. OLIVER F. LANTZ, *Treasurer*,
32 N. Howard Street, Baltimore, Md.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. A. W. LILLY, *President*,
York, Pa.

Rev. J. W. RICHARD, *Secretary*,
York, Pa.

Mr. E. G. SMYSER, *Treasurer*,
York, Pa.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF KANSAS.

TOPEKA, KAN., NOV. 25, 1884, }
TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK. }

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Synod of Kansas met in the lecture-room of the new Lutheran Church of Topeka.

The annual sermon was preached by the President from the text, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Rev. iii. 8.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26, 9:30 A. M.

Synod met, and after one-half hour's devotional exercises, was called to order by the President.

The clerical roll was called and absentees were noted.

Lay delegates from the pastorates were received on the presentation of their credentials, and their names were enrolled.

A letter of dismissal of Rev. S. Henry, dismissing him from

the Synod of Central Pennsylvania to the Synod of Kansas, was read, and, on motion, his name was enrolled as a member of this Synod.

Clerical Roll.

No.	Name.	Post Office.	Date of Licensure.
1.	Rev. Reuben Weiser, D. D. (a)	Denver, Col	1832
2.	Rev. Charles Martin, M. D.	St. Joseph, Mo.	1835
3.	Rev. A. A. Trimper (a)	Lawrence, Kan	1841
4.	Rev. D. S. Altman	Ottawa, Kan.	1845
5.	Rev. C. Young (a)	Salina, Kan	1846
6.	Rev. Jacob Schauer	Greenleaf, Kan	1848
7.	Rev. D. Harbaugh	Waterville, Kan	1849
8.	Rev. L. C. Groseclose (a)	Eureka, Kan	1849
9.	Rev. W. I. Cutter (a)	Atchison, Kan	1850
10.	Rev. F. R. Scherer (a)	Waterville, Kan	1850
11.	Rev. S. Henry	Ottawa, Kan	1850
12.	Rev. J. B. McAfee	Topeka, Kan.	1854
13.	Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.	Abilene, Kan	1854
14.	Rev. A. B. Kirtland	New Cambria	1855
15.	Rev. S. P. Harrington (a)	Abilene, Kan	1857
16.	Rev. J. B. Corbett (a)	Bunker Hill, Kan	1857
17.	Rev. H. Acker	Newton, Kan	1858
18.	Rev. Henry Heigard (a)	Barnes, Kan.	1858
19.	Rev. I. J. Delo	Lawrence, Kan.	1858
20.	Rev. A. J. Hesson (a)	Peabody, Kan	1867
21.	Rev. A. J. Hartsock	McPherson, Kan	1867
22.	Rev. E. J. Keplinger	Valley Falls, Kan.	1867
23.	Rev. H. B. Belmer	Peabody, Kan	1867
24.	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	Topeka, Kan	1871
25.	Rev. W. C Seidel	Minneapolis, Kan.	1872
26.	Rev. A. J. Kissell	Salina, Kan	1873
27.	Rev. H. F. Long (a)		1873
28.	Rev. J. A. Bright	Ellsworth, Kan	1873
29.	Rev. D. Scholl	Wellsville, Kan	1873
30.	Rev. P. A. Heilman	Denver, Col.	1875
31.	Rev. Angus Lowe	Waterville, Kan	1876
32.	Rev. Geo. Sanderson	Kansas City, Mo	1876
33.	Rev. J. M. Cromer	Kansas City, Mo	1876
34.	Rev. Robt. A. White	Selinsgrove, Pa	1880
35.	Rev. R. F. Hassinger	Halstead, Kan.	
36	Rev. J. A. Hartman	Emporia, Kan.	1880
37.	Rev. H. M. Lentz.	Eureka, Kan	1880
38.	Rev. Geo. S. Diven	Atchison, Kan.	1881
39.	Rev. J. E. Maurer	Hardy, Neb.	1882
40.	Rev. M. F. Troxell	Kansas City, Mo	1882
41.	Rev. N. A. Whitman	Bunker Hill, Kan.	

(a) Absent.

Lay Delegates.

1. Christian Rugh, Abilene, Kansas.
2. William Bilger, Topeka, Kansas.
3. G. W. Householder, Kansas City, Mo. (1st Church).

4. Obediah Eberhard, Vineland, Kansas.
5. H. S. Ehrenfeld, Ellsworth, Kansas.
6. Samuel Scheffer, Minneapolis, Kansas.
7. Oscar Nelson, East Norway, Kansas.
8. E. P. Briggs, Kansas City, Mo. (Children's Memorial).
9. A. L. Selig, Lawrence, Kansas.
10. Samuel Altman, Hardy, Nebrasha.
11. Samuel Batdorf, New Cambria, Kansas.
12. James Stewart, Peabody, Kansas.
13. W. W. Kremer, Emporia, Kansas.

President's Report.

The report of the President's official acts was read as follows:

Dear Brethren of Kansas Synod: Through a kind Providence we are again permitted to assemble in Synodical Convention. We recognize with devout gratitude the never-ceasing care of our heavenly Father. By His intervention, death has kept from our ranks during the past year. His bountiful hand has made the earth to smile with plenty. Beneath the fostering influences of His grace our churches have enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity in temporal and spiritual things. Under these encouraging auspices of heaven, I greet you in this our Seventeenth Annual Convention.

I herewith submit a statement of my official acts, together with the Synod's operations since we last met.

DISMISSAL.

January 26, 1884, I dismissed Rev. S. S. Waltz, to Olive Branch Synod.
March 18, Rev. B. F. Grenoble, to Iowa Synod.
May 30, Rev. R. B. Whitehill to Emporia Presbytery, Kansas Synod.
June 18, Rev. Mauritz Stolpe, to Augustana Synod.
November 5, Rev. Henry Sharp, to Hartwick Synod.

MEMBERS RECEIVED.

March 5, Rev. H. M. Lentz, from Synod of Northern Illinois.
July 16, Rev. J. A. Hartman, from Pittsburgh Synod.
September 26, Rev. I. J. Delo, from Hartwick Synod.
October 16, Rev. N. A. Whitman, from Synod of Northern Indiana.
October 17, Rev. J. M. Cromer, from Synod of Central Illinois.
October 22, Rev. H. B. Belmer, from Wittenberg Synod.
November 24, Rev. Geo. S. Diven, from Synod of Central Pennsylvania.

These brethren all sent letters of honorable dismission from their respective Synods, and I have authorized the Secretary to record their names on the clerical roll of Synod.

PASTORAL CHANGES AND INSTALLATIONS.

December 2, 1883, Rev. S. S. Waltz informed me that he had resigned the First Church of Kansas City. He was succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. J. M. Cromer, May 16, 1884.

March 1st, Rev. M. F. Troxell resigned the Eureka pastorate in order to accept an appointment by the Board of Home Missions to Kansas City Mission No. 2. Rev. H. M. Lentz accepted a call to Eureka soon after Rev. Troxell's resignation. He was formally installed March 9th, Revs. Sparr and Troxell officiating.

January 27th, Rev. A. B. Kirtland resumed charge of the New Cambria congregation, *vice* Rev. Harrington, resigned.

February 24th, Rev. J. A. Bright resigned the Ellsworth charge. Since his resignation he has been supplying the Lincoln congregation in connection with several country appointments.

June 16th, Rev. J. A. Hartman was sent by the Board of Home Missions to organize a mission in the city of Emporia.

August 1st, Rev. J. E. Maurer resigned the pastoral charge of the Lawrence congregation. He was succeeded by Rev. I. J. Delo, who took charge September 19th.

October 1st, Rev. H. B. Belmer assumed charge of the Peabody pastorate, *vice* Hesson resigned.

March 23d, Revs. Barnitz and Kissell conducted the installation services of Rev. Mauritz Stolpe at Marquette.

September 1st, Rev. N. A. Whitman took charge of the Bunker Hill pastorate.

October 14th, Rev. S. Henry, by appointment of the Board of Home Missions, began work in Ottawa, and reports the prospects very encouraging.

About the 1st of November, Rev. P. A. Heilman entered the city of Denver, Colorado, authorized by the Board to organize a mission.

Recently Rev. George S. Diven took charge of the congregation in Atchison, under appointment of the Board.

VACANCIES.

The Ellsworth charge has been vacant since February, although supplied in part by Rev. Bright.

The Ebenezer charge in Dickinson county is vacant, but hopes to secure the services of Rev. Whitman some time in December, to whom it has extended a call.

Hardy, Nebraska, is vacant, although arrangements are progressing looking to the early supply of that point.

Hays City has been without a settled pastor since last February, and has at present no immediate prospect of securing one.

Halstead and Americus, two missions organized by our Traveling Missionary some years ago, but never enjoying the services of a regular pastor, should receive special attention from this Synodical Convention. If it should develop that they have become disorganized beyond the hope of recovery, they should be stricken from the roll of congregations.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

The Children's Memorial Church of Kansas City was organized, by Bro. Troxell, June 1st, with twelve members. It will apply for admission to Kansas Synod at this convention.

March 16th, Rev. Schauer organized a congregation of eleven members in Gage Co., Neb. After serving this people for some time, owing to the great distance of travel, he transferred the congregation to the pastoral care of Rev. Groenmiller that it might unite with Nebraska Synod, where it properly belongs.

The First English Lutheran Church of Denver was organized with eighteen members by Rev. Heilman on the 9th inst. Formal application has been made for admission to this Synod.

Rev. Seidel organized, Nov. 10th, a new congregation in Minneapolis, with twenty-five members.

NEW CHURCHES.

In November, 1883, a Lutheran church at Vineland, under the pastoral care of Rev. D. Scholl, was formally dedicated. The church is a frame structure 24x44, and was erected at a cost of $1,250.

March 23d, 1884, the new Swedish Lutheran Church of Marquette, was set apart to the worship of God with appropriate ceremonies.

In August, the corner-stone of the Shirar Church in New Cambria charge was laid with the usual formalities. The church is a stone edifice, and is now approaching completion.

June 15th, the corner-stone of the handsome church in which we are now met was laid with due solemnity. The church is a monument to the faith and self-sacrifice of Bro. Dornblaser and his people. It will be dedicated to the worship of God at this Synodical Convention.

At Waterville, Bro. Lowe has a new church under process of erection, the corner-stone of which was laid on the 22d inst.

Brother Troxell is making commendable effort to secure funds to build a church in Kansas City. His appeals should receive a generous and universal response from Sunday-schools throughout the church.

The church at Peabody has been undergoing extensive repairs.

CORRESPONDENCE AND APPOINTMENTS.

By virtue of authority of Synod, April 1st, I appointed Rev. M. F. Troxell a member of the Advisory Board of Missions, *vice* Waltz removed.

April 30th, by urgent request from Carthage College, I appointed Rev. J. B. McAfee to vote the stock of Kansas Synod at a meeting of stockholders of that institution.

March 24th I appointed Rev. S. B. Barnitz a committee of one to investigate certain charges preferred against Rev. J. A. Bright.

May 16th, I granted permission to Rev. J. W. Kimmel, of North Auburn, Neb., to supply the congregation at Morrill, Kans., on condition that when the Lutherans at Morrill secured a regular pastor, he and congregation should unite with Kansas Synod.

August 21st, Rev. Kimmel informed me that the Morrill congregation had decided to unite with the Nebraska Synod, and asked my consent. My reply was that I did not think Synod would justify me in allowing congregations to be diverted from our territory.

Synod should make some deliverance concerning the observance of boundary lines.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That Synod take into consideration the adoption of some plan of systematic benevolence which will be helpful to congregations in raising their benevolent funds.

2. That Synod adopt some rule regulating the entering of the names of new congregations on our Parochial chart.

From the foregoing review it will be seen that more pastoral changes have occurred than for some years. But it will also be encouragingly apparent that in the midst of these changes Synod has made substantial progress. The occupying of Kansas City No. 2, Emporia, Ottawa, Denver, and Minneapolis, shows that the Board and Synod have been vigorously planning an advance. This certainly is a move in the right direction. For several years we have been practically at a stand-still so far as the occupying of new territory is concerned.

Our field is great, and its resources almost unlimited. Many other promising points invite us to enter. Our Synod should fully awake to the possibilities before us, and arouse herself to put forth the utmost exertions to occupy this growing West, which of right should be largely Lutheran.

Thanking you for your kindly courtesy and cheerful coöperation, and praying the blessing of God upon the deliberations of this convention as well as upon the year's labor before us,

I am very fraternally, A. J. KISSELL.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed as tellers Revs. W. C. Seidel and M. F. Troxell. The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. A. J. Kissell.

Secretary—Rev. M. F. Troxell.

Treasurer—Mr. J. E. Tressler.

On motion the hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed as follows:

Devotional exercises, 9 a. m.

Business sessions open 9–30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Adjournment, 11–45 a. m. and 5 p. m.

On motion Synod adjourned at 10–45 to meet at 2 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Cromer.

Roll was called and absentees were noted.

Rev. J. N. Lenker, of the Nebraska Synod, and Pres. of the Am. Luth. Im. Missionary Society, was introduced and on motion made an advisory member of this body.

The President appointed the following committees:

No. 1. *President's Report*—Dr. Bowers, Rev. Lowe and Mr. Rugh.

No. 2. *Treasurer's Report*—Rev. Cromer, Messrs. Bilger and Ehrenfeld.

No. 3. *Admission of Churches*—Revs. Delo, Bright, and Mr. Scheffer.

No. 4. *Correspondence*—Revs. Henry, Belmer, and Mr. Householder.

No. 5. *Apportionment*—Revs. Maurer, Seidel, and Mr. Eberhart.

No. 6. *Leave of Absence*—Revs. Altman, Scholl, Sanderson.

No. 7. *Parochial Reports*—Revs. Seidel, Diven, and Mr. Briggs.

No. 8. *Devotional Exercises*—Revs. Dornblaser, McAfee, Kissell.

No. 9. *Resolutions*—Revs. McAfee, Acker, Hesson.

No. 10. *Literature*—Revs. Martin, Schauer, Kirtland.

No. 11. *Vacant Churches*—Revs. Harbaugh, Corbett, Mr. Ehrenfeld.

No. 12. *Minutes of Last Meeting*—Revs. Whitman, Lentz, Mr. Householder.

No. 13. *Synodical Calendar*—Revs. Lowe, Schauer, Mr. Bilger.

No. 14. *State of Religion*—Revs. Diven, Maurer, Mr. Rugh.

It was moved that each pastor read his Report on the State of Religion before Synod, in connection with his Parochial Report.

It was moved that Rev. Maurer be made the Synod's reporter for the Topeka *Commonwealth*, Rev. Diven for the *Capital*, Rev. Cromer for the Kansas City *Journal*, Rev. Seidel for the *Lutheran Observer*, and Rev. Lowe for the *Lutheran Evangelist*.

The Treasurer's Report, only partially complete, because of fire having destroyed records kept in the Peabody Bank, was heard, and referred to the proper committee. He reported a gratifying increase in general contributions.

The committee on admission of churches reported favorably

on the reception of the Children's Memorial Church of Kansas City, and the credential of the lay-delegate, Mr. E. P. Briggs, was received and his name enrolled.

Parochial Reports were then made the order of the Synod, including the reading of the Reports on the State of Religion. The reports were referred to the proper committees.

Rev. Dr. S. F. McCabe, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. L. Blakesley, of the Congregational church, Topeka, were introduced and invited to seats on the floor of Synod.

It was moved that the Synod adjourn at the Thursday morning's session in time to attend Union Thanksgiving services in the city churches.

On motion, Synod at 4:35 adjourned, to meet in Ministerium.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27, 9:30 A. M.

After a half-hour's devotional exercises led by Rev. Maurer, Synod opened with prayer by Rev. Lenker.

The roll was called and absentees were noted.

The minutes of former sessions were read and approved.

The certificate of Rev. P. A. Heilman, dismissing him from the Synod of Central Pennsylvania to the Synod of Kansas, was read, and on motion his name was enrolled as a member of this Synod.

It was moved that the Missionary meeting of this evening be left in charge of the Devotional Committee and Rev. A. Lowe.

Under the head of parochial reports, several contributions were acknowledged from H. A. Koogle, lay, of Southern Kansas, and on motion Mr. K. gave an interesting report of his labors in the field from which he comes.

Reports of Committees were declared in order.

Committee on Parochial Revision.

Your Committee having in charge the Revision of Parochial Blanks, have to report that they have finished their work, and herewith present to Synod the published blanks. The chairman desires to say that in reading the proof

he suggested the use of small type for the notes, but was finally disappointed to find the large type used.

The entire expense for the temporary blank prepared for last year and that now before us, is $9.00, for which the chairman holds receipts, and prays that the Treasurer may be instructed by Synod to reimburse the Committee.

W. C. SEIDEL, *Chairman*,
A. LOWE.

Adopted, and the Treasurer was, by motion, instructed to reimburse the Committee.

Committee No. 3.

We report the following:

1. The Children's Memorial Congregation of Kansas City, Mo.
2. The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denver, Col.
3. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Minneapolis, Kan.

As these congregations have all complied with the conditions of membership required by this Synod, your Committee recommend,

1. That they be received and enrolled in the fellowship of Synod.
2. That, as the application of the Denver congregation is accompanied by a letter from the pastor, said letter be read before Synod.

Respectfully, etc.,
I. J. DELO,
J. A. BRIGHT,
S. SCHEFFER.

Adopted, and the letter of Rev. Heilman was read and referred to Committee No. 6.

On motion, Synod, at 10:45, adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Harbaugh, to attend Thanksgiving services in the city.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2:40 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. Acker.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Schauer, and the Ministerium was called.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28, 9:30 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. Henry.

The roll was called and absentees were noted.

The minutes were read and approved.

Committee No. 1.

We report that the document committed to us is the annual report of the president of Synod. This is an exceedingly interesting and meritorious paper, alike creditable to the head and heart of its author. The report is concise and terse in its statements, and yet full and complete in its exhibit of the events which have transpired on our Synodical territory during the year.

Your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the official acts of the president during the past year be and are hereby ratified by Synod.

Respectfully submitted, G. A. BOWERS.
A. LOWE,
C. RUGH.
Committee.

Adopted.

Committee No. 12.

Your Committee No. 12, on minutes of last year, would call the attention of this body to the following points:

1. P. 12. A resolution urging pastors and superintendents to use our Sunday-school publications.

Has this been done, and with what result?

2. P. 13. A resolution requiring the appointment of two trustees to our Orphans' Home at Loysville.

Has this been done?

3. P. 14. A resolution requiring the Advisory Board of Home Missions to visit the Monrovia Church.

Has this been done?

4. P. 14. A resolution to establish a Lutheran Church at Emporia; and also a memorial offering of $500.00 to be paid to said church.

What has been done?

5. P. 17. Pledges made by members of Synod to the Chicago mission.

Have these been paid?

6. P. 18. A committee to co-operate with similar committees of other Synods on the subject of a Western Theological Seminary for all Lutherans.

Has the committee anything to report?

7. P. 18. A report on the condition of Carthage College.

What is its condition now?

8. P. 25. A committee to secure a charter for Synod. Has this been done?

N. A. WHITMAN,
G. W. HOUSEHOLDER.
H. M. LENTZ.

On motion, the report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. The roll was called, and it was found that in all Lutheran schools Lutheran literature is used, and in Union schools the literature is partly Lutheran, partly otherwise.

Item 2. No.

Item 3. The chairman of the Advisory Board reported that Monrovia was a dead town, and that he did not visit the field.

Item 4. Dr. Bowers reported $50, and Rev. Seidel $5, paid on this account.

Item 5. Treasurer reported $95 paid on this, and thought other money had gone directly to Treasurer of Board of Church Extension.

Item 6. Omitted to await report of Committee No. 4.

Item 7. Omitted to await report of Trustees of Carthage College.

Item 8. Rev. McAfee reported that the matter was in progress, and would be completed before close of Synod.

On motion, report as a whole adopted.

Revs. J. C. Miller and Layman were introduced, and, on motion, were made corresponding members of this body.

Committee No. 10.

Reported that no documents had been placed in their hands, hence they had nothing to report.

On motion the report was referred back to committee.

Report of the Advisory Board—Missionary Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas —Dear Brethren: Your Committee to advise with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending with this meeting of Synod.

The past synodical year has been one of great activity, and has been marked by substantial growth on the part of many of our Mission congregations.

Through the energy and faithfulness of our Western Secretary, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, the following vacancies have been supplied within the bounds of our Synod: Eureka, Peabody, Bunker Hill, Lawrence, and Atchison.

The following new points have been taken up by the Board of Home Mis-

sions and supplied with pastors who are now diligently and hopefully at work:

1. *Emporia* has been occupied in accordance with the urgent request of Synod, and for some months Rev. J. A. Hartman has been laboring in this field as a home missionary.

2. *Kansas City*, No. 2, was organized during the year as a "Children's Memorial," and placed under the pastoral charge of Rev. M. F. Troxell. Steps have already been taken to erect a suitable chapel, and by the efficient management of Bro. Troxell, seconded by the hearty coöperation of the General Boards of the Church, the work promises to move forward rapidly to a successful consummation.

3. *Ottawa*, the flourishing county seat of Franklin county Kansas, has been occupied by a missionary for a few months. What signs of promise are developing themselves, the committee are not definitely informed, but we have every reason to believe that the material accessible to our church is abundant, and if the necessary means can be secured to build a comfortable chapel, the work will be crowned with success, and the committee will ever rejoice with our good Bro. Altman, in the establishment of a stronghold of Lutheranism in south eastern Kansas.

4. *Denver, Colorado*, the beautiful capital of an adjacent state, has been quite recently restored to the list of mission points.

This large and inviting field, we doubt not, is ripe for the gospel sickle, and we hope and pray, our brother Rev. P. A. Heilman, may reap a rich harvest for the Master.

In conclusion the Committee, wish to record their hearty endorsement of the action of our Western Secretary and the Board of Home Missions for the wise selections in occupying these new points, and in securing energetic men to fill the vacancies.

The committee take pleasure in calling attention to the resuscitation of our church at Atchison.

By direction of the Western Secretary two members of the Advisory Committee visited the field and conferred with the brethren, and after a careful canvass, conducted mainly by Rev. M. F. Troxell, the committee reported to the board, by telegram, that the present outlook in Atchison was auspicious for a new beginning, and the Board promptly commissioned Rev. Geo. S. Diven, of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, to take charge of the work.

The committee beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:—

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the Boards of our church, and to their respective secretaries for the deep interest manifested, and the substantial encouragement given to our missions during the past year.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod heartily recommend Emporia, Atchison, and Ottawa, as hopeful fields for our church, and urge upon the Board of Church Extension, to render aid in building houses of worship in these points as soon as possible.

3. *Resolved*, That each Sunday-school in the Synod of Kansas, be requested to contribute, at least, one share of $10 to the "Children's Memorial" of Kansas City, Missouri.

4. *Resolved*, That a statistical secretary be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to prepare statistics of our denomination, for the State Agricultural Reports, the State Sunday-school Association, and such other publications as may desire such statistics.

T. F. DORNBLASER,
Chairman.
GEO. A. BOWERS,
M. F. TROXELL.

On motion, the resolutions were considered *seriatim*.

Resolution 1. Adopted.

Resolution 2. Adopted.

Resolution 3. Adopted.

Resolution 4. Amended so as to read "A statistician be appointed," etc., etc., and adopted.

Report as a whole adopted.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz was, on motion, made an advisory member of Synod.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Belmer.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Dr. Bowers.

The minutes were read and approved.

Committee No. 2.

Your Committee on Treasurer's Report beg leave to report that they have examined the vouchers and papers of the Treasurer, and find his accounts to be correct, with the exception of $3.00 overdrawn in the Church Extension fund, which matter was adjusted.

J. M. CROMER,
WM. BILGER,
H. S. EHRENFELD,
Committee.

Adopted.

Committee No. 4—On Correspondence.

Your Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report that the packet handed them for examination consists of the following:

1. A letter from Rev. J. N. Lenker, President of the A. L. I. Society, requesting an opportunity to present the interests of the above-named Society to this Synod.

We recommend that he be invited to address Synod on the subject of immigration and the work proposed by said Society.

2. A letter from Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, Secretary of the Iowa Synod, calling attention to the same subject noticed in the first item of this report, and also other matters of interest.

We suggest the propriety of reading the letter to this body.

3. A letter from Rev. J. S. Detweiler, asking the attention of this Synod to a series of resolutions on the subject of "Western Educational Institutions," and requesting that these resolutions be presented and acted upon.

As these matters, to be fully appreciated by the Synod, must be heard, we recommend the reading of Brother Detweiler's letter and the accompanying resolutions, by the Secretary.

4. A letter from Rev. J. W. Richard, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, which we also recommend to be read before Synod, with a view to some action on the matters presented.

5. Four letters and a postal from Rev. R. A. White, a beneficiary of our Synod, pursuing his studies at Selinsgrove.

From three letters, we learn that this brother is under considerable pressure for want of adequate means to continue his studies to the regular end of the course of study pursued in the Institute at Selinsgrove. It seems from these letters that this Synod has not fully met the obligations assumed in his behalf. He asks that the balance due him—$45—be paid, and that $200 additional be appropriated to his use, to enable him to go forward with his studies till the close of the term ending June, 1886.

The Committee is of opinion that as this brother is so highly recommended by Dr. Born, and so favorably known to many, the Synod could not do better than grant his request.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENRY,
H. B. BELMER,
G. W. HOUSEHOLDER.

On motion, report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, and the letter from Rev. Ziegler was read and referred to a special committee of three.

President appointed Revs. Cromer, Belmer, and Mr. Briggs.

Item 3. Adopted, and the letter was read.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions, composed of Revs. Martin, Waltz, and Dr. Tressler.

On motion, Chair filled vacancy caused by Rev. Waltz's removal by appointing Rev. Lentz.

Item 4. Adopted, and Secretary Richard's letter was read.
Item 5. Adopted.
Report as a whole was adopted.
Synod adjourned with prayer by H. A. Koogle.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Synod was called to order after devotional exercises led by Rev. Diven, and opened with prayer by Rev. Lentz.

A letter from Rev. Cutter was, by motion, referred to a special committee of three.

President appointed as committee Revs. Seidel, Harbaugh, and Hartsock.

Committee No. 6.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence* would report that they have had letters placed in their hands from Revs. R. F. Hassinger, Beaver Springs, Pa.; P. A. Heilman, Denver, Col.; L. C. Groseclose, Eureka, Kan.; C. Young, Salina; J. B. Corbett, Bunker Hill; F. R. Scherer, Abilene; A. J. Hesson, Peabody.

Your Committee greatly regret the absence of these brethren, and recommend that all be excused from their non-attendance at this convention, with the exception of Rev. J. B. Corbett, Bunker Hill, who has not given any valid reason for the request made by him for excuse if he should not be present, and we therefore recommend that he be not excused.

Respectfully submitted,
D. S. ALTMAN,
D. SCHOLL,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad was received as an Advisory member of this body. Being introduced by the President, he spoke fraternal words.

Committee on Change of Name and Title.

The chairman of Special Committee reported as follows:

Mr. President: As a member of the committee appointed at the meeting

* The Committee would no doubt have excused also Rev. A. A. Trimper, Lawrence, whose letter fell into the Secretary's hands soon after adjournment of Synod. He stated serious illness, etc., to be the reason of his absence.

of Synod in 1883, I have had the necessary papers prepared changing the charter name of our Synod from the *Ev. Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States*, to the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas*.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. McAFEE.

Adopted.

Trustees of Carthage College.

Mr. President: I attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Carthage College in June, 1884, as one of the Trustees from Kansas Synod.

It was then decided to re-organize the faculty under Prof. Bartholomew as President, and re-open the school in September, which has since been done with an attendance of between 90 and 100 students. The available endowment fund is something over $20,000. The lost notes, etc., have all been found or renewed. Prof. Bartholomew and the professors associated with him are running the institution on the funds derived from tuition, rentals, etc., without incurring any indebtedness against the institution or using any interest arising from the endowment fund, leaving the latter to cancel the indebtedness owing the former professors.

I was not at the meeting of the Board in November, 1884, but learn that a committee was appointed to secure the services of a competent attorney living outside of Hancock county, to whom a full list of questions covering title, ownership, right of using and disposing, and covering all the disputed and controverted points about which there has been so much discussion in our church papers, has been submitted. There has doubtless been negligent and unbusiness-like management in some things connected with the institution, yet from the purest and best of motives. And I recommend that the college receive not only words of encouragement, but all the material aid that it is possible for this Synod to render it.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. McAFEE.

Adopted.

On motion, six to eight pages of the space of the printed proceedings of Synod were granted to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, for a synopsis of their proceedings.

Report of Committee on American Evangelical Lutheran Immigrant Missionary Society.

Your committee on the American Evangelical Lutheran Immigrant Missionary Society, would report that they rejoice in the progress and prospects of this young and timely society. We would respectfully recommend:

1. That all the brethren and sisters possible, of our Synod, become members of this society.

2. That our pastors present the work and mission of the society once a year to their people, and let them offer for the cause.

3. That we realize that there were in Kansas in 1880, 28,034 Germans, 11,207 Swedes, 1,358 Norwegians, and 1,838 Danes, about the same number

as in Nebraska, where the General Synod has commenced a good work among them, and that we should try to do more for these our foreign brethren in the faith.

4. That, as the society contemplates holding a general convention near the place and time of the next meeting of the General Synod, we respectfully request our delegates to the General Synod to attend such Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BRIGHT,
W. C. SEIDEL.

Adopted.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution of the Synod, and present it to the next Annual Convention for publication.

The President appointed Revs. Lentz, Cromer, and Belmer.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Maurer.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. Kirtland.

The minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Letter from Iowa Synod.

Your committee to whom Bro. Ziegler's letter was referred, beg leave to report:

1. That we recommend the appointment of a committee of three to co-operate with the other Synods in the interests of the American Lutheran Immigrant Mission Society.

2. That we concur with Iowa Synod in appointing a committee to confer with other committees of our western Synods with regard to the establishment of a Western Theological Seminary for all Lutherans.

3. That we join other Western Synods in asking General Synod to appoint a Board of Education to supervise our educational interests.

J. M. CROMER,
H. B. BELMER,
E. P. BRIGGS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted. Committee, Revs. Seidel, Henry and Bright.

Item 2. Adopted. Committee, Revs. Martin, Cromer and Lentz.

Item 3. Adopted.

Report as a whole, on motion, was adopted.

Report of Committee No. 14—State of Religion.

"Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, good-will to men."

We have carefully studied the reports of our brethren on the State of Religion, and have in some instances supplemented extreme meagreness by personal consultation. Your Committee offer the following:

I. PASTORS' STATEMENTS.

1. *The Externals.*—Attendance upon divine services has been generally good, with a perceptible tendency to improvement. Prayer meetings, though not largely attended, especially by the *males*, are animated and spiritual. A considerable number of accessions is reported. Benevolent contributions indicate a *growing* liberality in the churches. Communion services, those indices of *Lutheran* church-life, are devoutly observed. Catechisation, we regret to say, seems to be neglected. The Sunday-school work is growing, and by nearly all, is recognized as an important factor of church instrumentality. Upon the whole, from this standpoint the outlook is hopeful, both as regards the newer and more fully established fields. For all of which goodness, our gratitude is due Almighty God.

2. *The Spirituality.*—The mission of our holy religion is the spiritual renovation of individual souls: this is the *root*. With such fruits in the outward life, it could scarcely be otherwise than that the inward life, back of, and quickening it, should be strong and full. We are particularly gratified to observe the strong undertone of spirituality, which, with the notable exception of but *two*, among the charges reporting to us, is indicative of a condition essential to all healthful activity. The pulse of church-life beats normally; several refreshings from the Lord are reported. As a consequence of this state of things, universal peace and harmony prevail.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the attention of our pastors be called to the faithful use of *catechisation*, as the method, approved by our fathers and tested by time, to be employed in preparation for church membership.

2. That we all realize afresh that our highest work is of a spiritual character, in awakening and developing the inner Christian life among men.

3. That we duly thank God for his rich blessings of the past, recognize his gracious help in the present, and fully trust his faithful Word for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. DIVEN, *Chairman*,
J. E. MAURER,
C. RUGH,
Committee.

Adopted.

Committee No. 11.

Committee No. 11, on Vacancies, find that the following congregations are without pastors:

Ellsworth (which must be supplied soon in order to make the mission a success), Hays City, Halstead, Americus, Monrovia, Valley Falls, Greenleaf, Hardy, Neb., Bunker Hill.

We recommend that the Advisory Board of Home Missions provide preaching for these congregations until they can be supplied with pastors.

D. HARBAUGH,
H. S. EHRENFELD,
Committee.

The hour for Preparatory Service having arrived, pending the adoption of this report Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. McCabe, to meet after evening service.

NINTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:15 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Christian Rugh.

The order of the afternoon was resumed, and the report of the Committee on Vacancies was adopted.

Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily rejoice in the evidences of prosperity, and of the bright future which already seems to dawn upon the congregation here in Topeka.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be cordially extended to the pastor and members of this congregation, as well as other citizens of Topeka, for the hearty welcome and the kind entertainment which they have so cheerfully given us, and that the same be conveyed to them by the President of Synod at the time and place he may deem most proper so to do.

H. ACKER, *Chairman.*

Adopted, and the committee was continued.

On motion, Synod at 9:30 adjourned with prayer by Samuel Batdorf.

TENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, DEC. 1, 9 A. M.

After devotional exercises led by Rev. Cromer, Synod opened with prayer by Rev. McAfee.

The minutes were read and approved.

A letter from Rev. J. W. Kimmel regarding E. S. Rees, a former member of this Synod, applying at this session for membership again, was read. The letter and application of Mr. Rees were referred, by motion, to the Ministerium for action.

A fraternal greeting from the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., in session at Leavenworth, was read, and Rev. Dornblaser was appointed a committee of one to send suitable reply.

Rev. Seidel offered the following resolution:

In view of the opportunities offered our mission in Kansas, the pressing need of a house of worship, and their inability to build without the aid of the Board of Church Extension, therefore,

Resolved, That we refer the St. Paul's Lutheran church of Minneapolis to the favorable consideration of the Board through our Advisory Committee.

Adopted.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Invitations were received from Minneapolis, Abilene, and Peabody.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Peabody.

It was moved that the time of meeting be Tuesday evening, October 20, 1885.

Rev. Dornblaser offered the following:

WHEREAS, A large colony of colored immigrants from the South have settled in North Topeka; and

WHEREAS, They are in great need of spiritual instruction; therefore

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure of the diligent labors of Miss E. L. Bitler among this neglected people; and,

Resolved, That we heartily recommend her work to the support of all Christian people; and that, if thought advisable by the Board of Church Extension, we recommend an appropriation of $300 toward the erection of a suitable chapel.

Adopted.

Committee on Rev. Cutter's Letter.

Your committee to whom the letter of Rev. W. I. Cutter has been referred respectfully submit:

1. That they find in the letter a complaint by Rev. Cutter of the action of Synod at Eureka in relation to himself.

2. That they believe the complaint rests on a wrong construction put upon the action of Synod by Rev. Cutter. Synod did not order a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and his people, as he seems to conceive. Synod *advised* his vacation of the field, on the ground that the Board declined further aid to the missionary at Atchison because to them the results seemed not commensurate. Therefore,

1. Synod cannot comply with his request.

2. Synod cannot comply because in its action it did not intend to injure the brother, but simply to ask him to open the way for effective work in the mission.

3. The committee from a careful reading of the letter find that, on his own testimony, the discontinuance of aid from the Board is *not* the result of the action of Synod but the action of the Board; and *Synod*, believing the Board to have sufficient knowledge in the matter, *approved* the action of the Board of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted; W. C. SEIDEL,
D. HARBAUGH,
A. J. HARTSOCK,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, time was granted Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary, to present the work of the Board of Home Missions.

Delegates to General Synod.

Revs. Maurer and Lentz were appointed tellers, and the election resulted as follows:

Clerical Delegates.	*Alternates.*
Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	Rev. J. M. Cromer
Rev. M. F. Troxell	Rev. A. J. Kissell
Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.	Rev. H. Acker
Rev. Angus Lowe	Rev. H. B. Belmer
Rev. W. C. Seidel	Rev. D. Harbaugh.
Lay Delegates.	*Alternates.*
H. F. Riger, Esq., Eureka.	E. P. Briggs, Kansas City.
Col. Stumbaugh, Topeka.	J. Waltemeyer, Atchison.
Christian Rugh, Abilene.	A. L. Selig, Lawrence.
G. W. Householder, Kansas City.	S. Batdorf, New Cambria.
J. E. Tressler, Peabody.	T. S. P. Bowers, Topeka.

On motion the following was passed:

Resolved, That the President of Synod be reimbursed for the expenditure in printing envelopes sent to pastors, and that the former Secretary be reimbursed for expense of printing blanks for State of Religion reports.

Resolutions on Temperance.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

WHEREAS, Intemperance is a great curse, and a movement is now on foot looking to its extirpation by the introduction of instruction in our public schools upon the danger from the use of stimulants and narcotics; therefore,

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statements made by Mrs. Joquith, a representative of the W. C. T. U. of this State, relative to their method of work in the cause of temperance; that we heartily endorse the movement, and that we will do all in our power to give success to the same.

Adopted, with the proviso that the resolutions of the last session of the Synod on Temperance, minutes of 1883, p. 20, be appended as the sense of this body at this time. They are the following:

WHEREAS, The rum traffic is a prolific source of most of the crimes committed in our land,

AND WHEREAS, Its evil results are visibly marked in its every footstep, filling our penitentiaries with criminals, our almshouses and poorhouses with paupers, our asylums with imbeciles and idiots, and our land with poverty and ruin—it brutalizes man, dishonors God, and curses society,

AND WHEREAS, The rum power disregards all constitutions and laws enacted or adopted for its regulation or suppression, and bids defiance to the moral sentiment of society, corrupts our ballot boxes and our public officers, and wherever possible renders our elections a farce and a fraud: therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our pastors and people the imperative duty of using every proper means, and availing themselves of every suitable opportunity, to secure the election of good and efficient officers, who will use all honorable measures for the most rigid enforcement of the prohibitory law in our State.

A motion was carried that the number of the Examining Committee be increased to five.

A motion was carried that the Secretary cast the ballot for J. E. Tressler, M. D., and Rev, H. M. Lentz, as trustees of this Synod for the Tressler Orphans' Home.

A motion was carried that the Secretary cast the ballot for Revs. Dornblaser and Cromer as Trustees of Carthage College.

Committee on Calendar.

The report of the Committee on Calendar was adopted as follows:

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

	Principal.	*Alternate.*
Education—	Rev. W. C. Seidel.	Rev. S. Henry.
Home Missions.—	Rev. I. J. Delo.	Rev. J. B. McAfee.
Foreign Missions.—	Rev. M. F. Troxell.	Rev. H. B. Belmer.
Ordination—	Rev. J. M. Cromer.	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser

ADVISORY BOARD HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. A. J. Kissell, Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.
Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. I. J. Delo, Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.
Rev. W. C. Seidel, Rev. H. B. Belmer,
Rev. D. Harbaugh.

STATISTICIAN AND HISTORIAN.

Rev. D. Harbaugh.

ANGUS LOWE,
J. SCHAUER,
WM. BILGER,
Committee.

Committee on Western Theological Seminary.

Your Committee of last year regarding a "Western Theological Seminary for all Lutherans," can only say that while they are in most hearty sympathy with the object in contemplation, and have personally consulted some representative members of our Church, all of whom favor the enterprise, they have not met with similar committees from other Synods, as there were no such committee meetings held. And as at the present meeting of this Synod a committee has already been appointed on this subject, the further consideration of the matter is committed to them.

Regarding the communication from the Nebraska Synod, put into the hands of your committee, we have to report that inasmuch as the Synod stands pledged to the support of our institution at Carthage, holding and controlling an equal share of stock with other Synods there represented, we cannot consistently comply with its suggestions, except as it pertains to a theological institution. We therefore recommend that no further action be taken on this subject at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MARTIN,
H. M. LENTZ,
J. E. TRESSLER,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to have printed 600 copies of the Minutes.

The committees on apportionment and parochial table were instructed to present their reports to the Secretary at the earliest day possible.

A motion was carried to reconsider the action of Synod regarding the application of Mr. E. S. Rees for restoration, and the whole matter was referred by motion to the officers of Synod.

At 12 o'clock noon Synod adjourned *sine die*, with singing by the brethren, and prayer by the President.

M. F. TROXELL, *Secretary*.

MINISTERIUM.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27, 3 P. M.

The Ministerium opened with fervent prayer by Rev. Charles Martin, M. D.

The Examining Committee reported as follows:

Report of Examining Committee.

The documents placed in our hands are from our beneficiary, Robert A. White, now pursuing his theological studies at Selinsgrove. We are much gratified by the favorable report of his moral character and diligence as a student, and recommend the following:

Resolved, That the license of Bro. R. A. White be renewed one year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MARTIN,
G. A. BOWERS,
Committee.

Adopted.

The session closed with prayer by Rev. Lentz.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 4:30 P. M.

The Ministerium opened with prayer by the Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Examining Committee reported as follows:

Report of Examining Committee.

Having had an interview with licentiate George Sanderson, and being perfectly convinced that he possesses a good moral character, and being satisfied with his qualifications for the sacred office of the ministry, the Examining Committee recommend that he be ordained on Sabbath evening.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. BOWERS,
W. C. SEIDEL,
D. HARBAUGH,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dornblaser.

M. F. TROXELL,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Sermons and Addresses.

Tuesday Evening—Annual Synodical Sermon, Rev. A. J. Kissell.

Wednesday Evening—W. H. and F. M. Society.

Thursday Evening—Home Missions, Rev. J. N. Lenker and Rev. S. B Barnitz.

Friday Evening—Foreign Missions, Rev. Lenker and Barnitz.

Saturday Afternoon—Preparatory Service, Rev. D. Scholl.

Saturday Evening—Education, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D.

SABBATH SERVICES.

First Lutheran Church—9:30 a. m., Children's Service, addresses by Revs. M. F. Troxell, G. S. Diven and S. B. Barnitz.

11 a. m., Preaching, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D.

3 p. m., Dedication Services, sermon by Rev. Dr. Conrad.

7 p. m., Ordination and Communion, sermon by Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.

First Congregational Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. M. Cromer; 7 p. m., Rev. I. J. Delo.

First Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. A. J. Kissell; 7 p. m., Rev. M. F. Troxell.

First Presbyterian Church—7 p. m., Rev. S. B. Barnitz.

North Topeka Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Rev. S. Henry; 7 p. m., Rev. G. S. Diven.

Third Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Rev. H. M. Lentz; 7 p. m., Rev. Angus Lowe.

Swedish Bethel Church—4 p. m., Rev. J. N. Lenker.

Insane Asylum—2:30 p. m., Rev. J. E. Maurer.

Monday Evening—Luther Lecture, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D.

T. F. DORNBLASER,
A. J. KISSELL,
J. B. McAFEE,
Devotional Committee.

APPENDIX B.

Treasurer's Statement.

J. E. TRESSLER, *in Account with Kansas Synod.*

DR.

Balance on hand at last report				$37 03
Received this Synodical year, for	Home Missions			287 75
" " "	Foreign Missions			288 02
" " "	Church Extension			312 00
" " "	Beneficiary Education			155 00
" " "	Synodical Treasury			54 35
" " "	General Synod's Treasury			16 00
				$1150 15

CR.

Amount paid to	Home Missions	$287 75	
" "	Foreign Missions	288 02	
" "	Church Extension	315 00	
" "	Beneficiary Education	155 00	
" "	Synodical Treasury	91 38	
" "	General Synod's Treasury	16 00	
		$1153 15	
Treasury overdrawn			3 00
		$1153 15	$1153 15

Respectfully submitted, J. E. TRESSLER, *Treasurer.*

Appendix C.—Apportionment Table.

MINISTERS AND PASTORATES.	Resident Members.	Synodical Treasury.	Gen. Synod Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Totals.
Rev. C. Martin, East Norway, Kan.	53	$3 71	$ 80	$12 19	$12 19	$8 48	$10 60	$47 97
" W. C. Seidel, Minneapolis, Kan.	48	3 36	72	11 04	11 04	7 68	9 60	32 40
" G. A. Bowers, D. D., Abilene, Kan	136	9 52	2 04	31 28	31 28	21 76	27 20	123 08
" J. Schauer, Greenleaf, Kan.	22	1 54	33	5 06	5 06	3 52	4 40	19 95
" J. M. Cromer, Kansas City, Mo	87	6 09	1 31	20 01	20 01	13 92	17 40	78 74
" T. F. Dornblaser, Topeka, Kan	98	6 86	1 47	22 54	22 54	15 68	19 60	88 69
" M. F. Troxell, Kansas City, Mo.	12	84	18	2 76	2 76	1 92	2 40	10 86
" I. J. Delo, Lawrence, Kan	47	3 29	71	10 81	10 81	7 52	9 40	37 54
" A. J. Kissell, Salina, Kan.	112	7 84	1 68	25 76	25 76	17 19	22 40	100 67
" A. Lowe, Waterville, Kan	78	5 46	1 17	17 94	17 94	12 48	15 60	70 59
" H. M. Lentz, Eureka, Kan.	66	4 62	99	15 18	15 18	10 56	13 20	59 73
" D. Scholl, Vineland, Kan	29	2 03	44	6 67	6 67	4 64	5 80	26 35
" J. A. Bright, Ellsworth, Kan	40	2 80	60	9 20	9 20	6 40	8 00	36 20
" A. B. Kirtland, New Cambria, Kan	90	6 30	1 35	20 70	20 70	14 40	18 00	80 45
" P. A. Heilman, Denver, Col	18	1 26	27	4 14	4 14	2 88	3 60	15 29
" W. I. Cutter, Atchison, Kan.*	23	1 61	35	5 29	5 29	3 68	4 60	20 82
" H. Acker, Newton, Kan	20	1 40	30	4 60	4 60	3 20	4 00	18 10
" N. A. Whitman, Bunker Hill, Kan.	56	3 92	84	12 88	12 88	8 96	11 20	50 05
" N. B. Belmer, Peabody, Kan	50	3 50	75	11 50	11 50	8 00	10 00	45 25
" S. Henry, Ottawa, Kan.	20	1 40	30	4 60	4 60	3 20	4 00	18 10
" G. S. Diven, Atchison, Kan.	15	1 05	23	3 45	3 45	2 40	3 00	13 58
Ellsworth, Kan.†	20	1 40	30	4 60	4 60	3 20	4 00	18 10
Hardy, Neb.†	32	2 24	48	7 36	7 36	5 12	6 40	27 96
Halstead, Kan.†	20	1 40	30	4 60	4 60	3 20	4 00	18 10
Americus, Kan.†	22	1 54	33	5 06	5 06	3 52	4 40	19 95
Hays City, Kan.†	18	1 26	27	4 14	4 14	2 88	3 60	15 29
Total	1221	$85 47	$18 32	$280 83	$280 83	$195 36	$244 20	$1095 00

* Country. † Vacant.

J. E. MAURER, W. C. SEIDEL, *Committee.*

APPENDIX D.--PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	NAMES OF PASTORATES.	Organized Churches	Regular Preaching Places Unorganized	Church Papers, Missionary Journals, and Reviews, No. of Copies Taken	Infant Baptisms	Accessions by: Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Renewal of Profession of Faith	Restoration	Losses by: Deaths	Certificate	Irregular Removal	Expulsion	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Prayer Meetings	Catechumens	Sunday-Schools: Lutheran	Union	Teachers	Scholars	Papers and Journals	Contributions	Contributions: Synodical Treasury	General Synod Fu d	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Beneficiary Education	Woman's Missionary Society	Children's Missionary Society	Fund for Indigent and Disabled Pastors	College Fund	Orphans' Home	Bible Cause	General Benevolence	Pastors' Salary	Local Objects	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Excess	Deficit
Rev. C. Martin, M. D.	East Norway	1		14	5		7	8			1				53	6	13		1		6	40	65		$2 50	$1 00	$9 25	*$35 00	$17 25	$5 50	$13 50							$200 00		$284 95	$33 39	$85 00	$51 61	
Rev. W. C. Seidel	Minneapolis	2	1	21	10			4	3		8	7	2		48		14								2 97	1 42	8 41	8 41	†10 95	6 28	1 00					$14 50	175 00	$29 50	278 44	27 40	38 44	11 00	
Rev. Geo. A. Bowers, D. D.	Abilene	1		7	7	2	5	12			1	2	3		136	15	1			1	18	215	139	$135 56	7 15	1 53	26 81	26 81	‡93 89	19 19	30 00			$30 00	$25 00	185 00			700 00	1480 94	99 38	175 38	76 00	
Rev. J. Schauer	Greenleaf	1			13	3	4	23			1	3	1		22		5		2		13	130			1 00	1 50	3 00	2 00	2 50	1 50							500 00	140 00	701 50	7 43	11 50	4 07	
Rev. J. M. Cromer	Kansas City	1		42	5		2	7	2			2	19		87		9				9	100	200	175 00	2 50	2 50	10 00	5 00	10 00	3 50						5 00	150 00	413 00	2021 50	70 47	33 50		$36 97
Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	Topeka	1		75	10	3	8	9	12			10			98	16	15		1		13	125	75	145 50	5 00	1 00	16 01	16 01	12 61	11 45	257 00	2 75					10 50	1000 00	5000 00	6471 86	59 34	59 40	14	
Rev. M. F. Troxell	Kansas City	1		15	9		1	11							12		1		1		8	110	120	250 00	1 00		6 85	3 30	1 00		5 00							900 00	88 39	1256 54		13 15	13 15	
Rev. I. J. Delo	Lawrence	1		10	4		3	6				4			47	1	1		1		10	110	75	106 10	2 56		55	9 61	9 61	16 42	6 86							500 00	143 25	794 96	35 61	45 61	10 00	
Rev. A. J. Kissell	Salina	1		30	18	1	13	4	1		3				112	12	1		1	2	11	130	125	98 64	5 23	1 12	19 61	19 61	22 00	14 00	38 00	20 00			3 08	4 18	500 00	248 00	993 47	72 69	91 57	18 88	
Rev. A. Lowe	Waterville	3	1	40	5	3	1	6	7			7	16		78	2	1	10	1	2	18	120	150	59 15	4 25	1 00	15 8½	15 85	37 10	11 30	58 65							440 00	313 00	957 12	58 58	84 60	26 02	
Rev. H. M. Lentz	Eureka	1		26			2	6			1	2			66	6	1	8	1		8	76	170	128 40	4 00	75	15 00	12 00	73 00	8 00	11 00	7 00		10 00				600 00	583 59	1452 74	44 51	119 75	75 24	
Rev. D. Scholl	Vineland	1	1	10	2		3			2					29		1	11	1		5	40	60	10 15	1 28	28	4 81	4 81	3 22	3 42							100 00	407 00	536 97	17 82	17 85	03	
Rev. J. A. Bright	Ellsworth‖	1	4	10	16	2	8				1	2	2		40		1	12	1		5	40			2 00	1 00	8 00	6 00	8 00	3 00	1 00					1 00	300 00		130 00	43 00	28 00		15 00
Rev. A. B. Kirtland	New Cambria	2		12	12	4	6	14				2	5		90	12	1		1	1	10	100	100	25 00	4 53	1 00	17 02	17 02	11 37	12 14					10 00	10 00		500 00	120 00	728 08	63 06	63 08	02	
Rev. P. A. Heilman	Denver	1									1				18	1	1		1		4	15																	15 00	15 00				
Rev. W. I. Cutter	Atchison (country)	1		2	5							3			23				1	1				2 00			2 00	2 00	1 00										7 00	40 00	7 00		33 00
Rev. D. S. Altman**	Ottawa (country)		1	5	5														1	1	6	40		12 00		21	2 50	2 50											5 21		5 21	5 21	
	Ellsworth‡														20				1	1	5	50				50	75	1 00	50	75										3 50		3 50	3 50	
	Hardy ‡	1	1												32				1	1	5	50				50	50	4 00	3 00	2 00											19 30			
Rev. H. Acker	Newton	1	1		1			1	2		1	1			20				1	1	5	40	40	12 00	1 12	24	6 00	6 03	22 21	2 99										50 59	15 59	38 59	23 00	
Rev. N. A. Whitman	Bunker Hill¶	1	1	15	5						1	7			56	8	1		1		5	40	78	60 00			2 25													193 75	33 39	2 25		31 14
Rev. H. B. Belmer	Peabody¶	1		10				7				4			50				1		6	75	100	3 67	3 00	1 31	13 00	13 00	7 00	8 00						97 00	800 00	600 00	1575 98	37 83	45 31	7 48	
Rev. S. Henry	Ottawa.																																										
Rev. G. S. Diven	Atchison.	1													15																									5 00		5 00	5 00	
Rev. F. R. Scherer**																																											
	Halstead‡														20																										9 67			9 67	
	Americus‡														22																										10 62			10 62	
	Hays City‡														18																										9 67			9 67	
		25	11	337	132	18	68	112	33		13	49	55		1221	77	12	07	15	11	165	1606	1497	$1234 14	$53 17	$19 97	$108 65	$105 16	$ 61 31	$119 08	$116 15	$11 75		$50 00	$38 08	$237 18	$8015 00	$8931 73	$21815 10	$798 75	$963 60	$137 85	$146 01

* $25.00 for education of a boy in India school. † $3.15 paid by Glasco Congregation. ‡ $25.00 sent to Chicago Mission; $50.00 to Emporia, as per pledge of Synod. ‖ Four months and half. ‡ Vacant. ¶ Two months and half. ** No Pastorate.

of Topeka, and the respose by Mrs. O. J. Peters, of Abilene.

...ll received.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

KANSAS SYNOD,

HELD AT

TOPEKA, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 26, 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The morning session was opened at 10:30 with a half hour's devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Angus Lowe, of Waterville, Kansas.

The President, Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser, then called the meeting to order, and appointed Mrs. J. M. Cromer, of Kansas City, Secretary, *vice* Mrs. J. E. Herbert, of Abilene, who was not present.

The roll was called, absentees noted, certificates of delegates received, and their names enrolled.

Rev. J. N. Lenker and Philip Stover were reported as honorary members. Mrs. Waltonmeyer, of Atchison, and Miss E. L. Bitler, of Topeka, were reported as life members.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Wm. Bilger, of Topeka, and the respose by Mrs. O. J. Peters, of Abilene. Both addresses were very well received.

The President appointed the following committees:

No. 1. On Nominations—Mrs. W. Bilger, Mrs. Bright, Miss Bitler, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Waltonmeyer.

No. 2. On Resolutions—Mrs. J. M. Cromer, Mrs. O. J. Peters, Mrs. T. G. Bond.

No. 3. Auditing Committee—Mrs. E. P. Briggs, Mrs. A. Lowe, and Mrs. C. Johntz.

No. 4. On Letters and Papers—Miss E. L. Bitler, Mrs. A. J. Kissel, and Mrs. A. Lowe.

Session closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was opened with devotional exercises, led by Miss Bitler.

The President then delivered her annual address. Our space will not permit even a synopsis of this excellent address.

Mrs. O. J. Peters followed with an interesting report of the work done the last year by the different societies, as follows:

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Synodical Year Ending October 31, 1884.

Auxiliaries.	Members	Honorary Members	Life Members	Number of Missionary Journals	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	General Fund	Freeport	Topeka	Value of Boxes	Total Contributions
St. Paul, Abilene	23	1	.	18	$5 00	$5 00	. . .	$10 00	$10 00	. . .	$30 00
St. John's, Salina	22	.	.	16	11 00	11 00	. . .	10 00	5 00	$4 00	41 00
East Norway	15	.	.	11	4 00	6 00	. . .	3 50	. . .	. . .	13 50
Waterville	13	.	.	. .	7 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 00	12 00
Pleasant Hill	22	.	.	. .	21 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	15 00	. . .	36 50
Eureka	36	.	.	15	5 00	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	10 00
Topeka	16	10	4	16	. . .	. . .	$20 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	10 00
Children's Memorial, Kansas City	12	6	.	5	. . .	. . .	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 00
Hiawatha	20										
	169	17	4	81	$52 50	$27 00	$15 00	$23 50	$30 00	$9 00	$158 00

Respectfully submitted, MRS. O. J. PETERS.

The Treasurer then read the following report:

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year	$8 60
Dues from Auxiliary Societies	4 00
Honorary Membership fees	7 00
For Home Missions	15 00
For Foreign Missions	20 00
For General Fund	68 90
For Freeport	51 71
For Topeka	30 00
Total	$205 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. O. J. Peters, Traveling Expenses	$13 50	
Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser, Traveling Expenses	3 00	
Mrs. A. V. Hamma	185 61	
Postage and Stationery	75	
Total	202 86	
Balance on hand	2 35	
		$205 21

MRS. A. J. KISSEL,
Treasurer.

Adopted.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Detweiler, President of General Synodical Society, Mrs. Culp, Corresponding Secretary of Allegheny Synodical Society, Mrs. Schauer, of Greenleaf, Kansas, and Mary Torrington, of the Methodist Woman's Society.

Two excellent letters were read by our Corresponding Secretary from our missionaries in India, Miss Fannie Dryden, and Miss Dr. Kugler.

A motion was carried returning thanks to Dr. Bowers for his motion granting the ladies half the forenoon of first session of Synod.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened by Mrs. Waltonmeyer.

Miss Bitler then delivered an interesting address on the subject "Incidents Connected with our Work in the Home-Field."

Following, the congregation joined in singing one stanza of

the old Missionary Hymn; when Mrs. J. M. Cromer read a paper on the theme, "Woman and the Church."

Another stanza was sung, and then Mrs. E. P. Briggs read a paper on the topic, "Woman's Noblest Mission."

Mrs. T. G. Bond then read a paper on the interesting subject, "Zenana Work."

After singing a couple of stanzas of "Blest be the Tie that Binds," brief addresses were delivered by Revs. Martin, Cromer, Lenker, and Dr. Bowers.

The exercises of the evening were most edifying and interesting, and were closed by the singing of the long metre Doxology, and the benediction by Rev. M. F. Troxell, of Kansas City.

The basket collection taken up at this meeting amounted to seven dollars, and was given to the Topeka church.

FOURTH SESSION.

The fourth session was held Thursday afternoon, and was opened at 2:30 by devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. A. J. Kissel, of Salina.

The minutes were read and approved.

A letter written by the lamented Dr. Stork to the ladies of Baltimore was read by Miss Mary Stumbaugh.

Mrs. O. J. Peters rendered her report as committee on blanks for quarterly reports, which was received and adopted. These blanks will not only systematize but facilitate the reporting of facts from the Auxiliaries to the Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Briggs, and Mrs. Peters were elected to convey the greetings of this Society to the Woman's Society of the M. E. Church, which will soon convene in Abilene, Kansas.

It was decided by motion to have two Vice-Presidents instead of one.

The Nominating Committee reported the following:

President—Mrs. A. J. Kissel, of Salina, Kansas.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Schauer, of Greenleaf, Kansas.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. T. G. Bond, of Salina, Kansas.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. M. Cromer, of Kansas City, Mo.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Abilene, Kansas.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. A. Bright, Ellsworth, Kansas.

Delegate to General Synod Convention.

Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser.

Mrs. J. A. Bright, Alternate.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, 1. That we pledge ourselves to renewed and redoubled effort to assist in the work of missions, in both the home and foreign field, and also to remember in our prayers our faithful pastors and their missions.

Resolved, 2. That renewed efforts be made to organize Auxiliaries and Children's Bands in every congregation in Kansas Synod, and we ask the co-operation of the pastors, so that a missionary spirit may thus be cultivated.

Resolved, 3. That in our prayers we remember our sisters who have gone to labor in the foreign field, and ask God to put it into the hearts of others to go and do likewise.

Resolved, 4. That the ladies of this Synodical Society return thanks to the ladies of Topeka for their hospitable and cordial entertainment of the officers, delegates and friends of our Society; also to the Swedenborgians for the kind permission to use their chapel.

Resolved, 5. That we endorse the report of our faithful President, and suggest that her recommendations be carried out as far as possible.

MRS. J. M. CROMER,
MRS. O. J. PETERS,
MRS. T. G. BOND.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee reports that it finds the Treasurer's report correct.

MRS. E. P. BRIGGS,
MRS. ANGUS LOWE,
MRS. CHRIS. JOHNTZ.

Adopted.

Report on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report:

First. Delegates' credentials are correct.

Second. Corresponding Secretary's report is correct.

Adopted.

We recommend that some systematic plan for regular communication be

tween the Corresponding Secretary and the Secretaries of Auxiliary Societies be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, Miss E. L. BITLER,
Mrs. A. J. KISSEL,
Mrs. A. LOWE.

Adopted.

The question, How can the women of our Church be awakened to their duty and obligations to the cause of Missions? was discussed by the ladies.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to remit to Mrs. O. J. Peters the sum of four dollars and twenty-five cents, the amount expended by her in purchasing blanks and programmes, etc.

On motion, Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Cromer were appointed a committee to confer with Synod in regard to publishing the Minutes of this Synodical Convention with the Minutes of Synod.

Adjourned with singing "Where are the Reapers?" and prayer by Mrs. Bilger.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday Morning.

After a missionary prayer-meeting, conducted by Mrs. O. J. Peters, the convention was opened with prayer by Mrs. Peters.

The minutes of the former session were read and approved.

A motion carried, reconsidering the election of Mrs. Bright as alternate delegate to the General Synod, inasmuch as she is not a member of any Auxiliary Society, as required by the Constitution.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. O. J. Peters as alternate delegate to General Synod. The ballot was cast.

It was moved and adopted that the delegates present obligate themselves to raise ten cents per member from all the members of the Auxiliary Societies, to defray the expenses of the delegates to the General Convention to be held at Harrisburg.

The Treasurer was authorized to remit five dollars to Mrs. Peters for stationery.

The Treasurer was also authorized to pay the Treasurer of Synod the sum of ten dollars, for the purpose of defraying the expense of printing the minutes.

The Society then adjourned to meet one year hence, with the Synod, at Peabody, Kan.

"Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung, and the closing prayer was made by Miss E. L. Bitler.

MRS. J. M. CROMER, *Secretary.*

The following is a list of those in attendance upon the Convention as delegates and officers:

Mrs. Christ. Johntz, Abilene, Kansas.
Mrs. O. J. Peters, Abilene, Kansas.
Mrs. A. J. Kissel, Salina, Kansas.
Mrs. T. G. Bond, Salina, Kansas.
Mrs. Angus Lowe, Waterville, Kansas.
Mrs. J. M. Cromer (1st Church), Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. E. P. Briggs (Memorial), Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Waltonmeyer, Atchison, Kansas.
Mrs. J. A. Bright, Ellsworth, Kansas.
Mrs. Wm. Bilger, Topeka, Kansas.
Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser, Topeka, Kansas.
Mrs. Hoffman, Topeka, Kansas.

MRS. J. M. CROMER, *Secretary.*

INDEX.

PAGE

Advisory Members 11. 19
A. E. L. I. M. Society 20
Apportionment 28, 32

Beneficiary Education. 18

Carthage College 2, 20
Children's Memorial 12
Committees, List of. 11
Committees, Reports of 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25
Church Extension 3

Dismissals 7

Foreign Missions 3

General Synod, Delegates to 3, 25

Home Missions. 2, 3, 15, 27

Licentiates 29

Members Received 7, 12
Ministerium 29

New Congregations. 8

Officers of Synod 2, 10
Ordinations 29

Parochial Reports. 12, 28
President's Report 7

Speakers for Next Year 2, 27
State of Religion. 22
Synodical Calendar. 2
Synodical Roll. 6

Temperance 26
Time and Place of Next Meeting 24
Treasurer's Report. 11, 31
Tressler Orphans' Home 2

Vacancies. 8
Visitors 12

Western Theological Seminary 27
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society 33

1,000 AGENTS WANTED

The Lutheran Publication Society wishes to engage an agent in every Congregation in the United States and Canada to sell the books published by the Lutheran Publication House.

For catalogues, terms, etc., etc., address

HENRY S. BONER, Supt.,
No. 42 North Ninth St.,
PHILADELPHIA.